in better spirits in relation to the prospects of our cause than when I left Boston. Few if any men considered as our staunch friends will desert the present effort on account of any thing past. They may insist on our keeping more clear of sectarian questions for the future as one condition of their holding on to the present organization for the war.

Last evening I gave a lecture here in the Bap. M. H. to fine audience and a unanimous request for another lecture tonight. Acceded to it.

On the last page I give you the list of names which you wish.

Yrs for those in bonds
Saml L. Gould.

Rev Amos A. Phelps.

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Dr Bro Phelps.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the Worcester Baptist Association. The Ass: was so crowded with business that the abolition brethren questioned the propriety of having a discussion of our principles; especially as this discussion could not exceed thirty minutes. They thought, and I with them, that a discussion of that length in which we would perhaps have only half the time might rather injure than advance our cause by arousing prejudices without the time to dissipate them.

The Ass: adopted some good resolutions on the subject without discussion.

The A.S. brethren connected with that body have not been consulted by Messrs Fitch & Co in relation to their movements and I think it would have been in vain to have consulted them. They would to a man I think deprecate a new organization but the opinion is common among them that some reform is needed in the present one.

Rev Mr Wilde of Grafton sympathises with the appeal and if not with the circular it is because he has not seen it. His case is hopeless.

Rev George Allen of Shrewsbury sympathises with a part of the appeal but regards the idea of a new organization with abhorence.

On a review of the facts which I have collected here and the state of pulse among our friends I am